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1. On 11 November 1951, Lieutenant Colonel Bokhyanov (fnu) was identified as the commanding officer in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Bernau (N 53/Z 96), which is located east of the autobahn. Eight 76.2-mm guns were seen in the barracks yard on 11 November. About 25 artillery pieces, including 12 x 76.2-mm guns and 30 trucks were seen on 18 November. Two groups of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, that were seen marching toward town on 18 and again on 19 November, consisted of 18 and 51 soldiers respectively. JS-3 tank with four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets riding on it, moved into the billeting area on 21 November.

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2. On 7 November, a German employee of the Bergmann plant on the Bernau-Wandlitz road stated that Soviet motor vehicles were being repaired there by about 600 German workers under the supervision of Major Revalke (fnu). The workers came to work on trucks Seventy soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets marched into the quarters on An Anger-gang on 7 November, apparently returning from an October Revolution ceremony. On 25 November, 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets went from the railroad station to the billets. Truck carrying about 36 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, came to the quarters. Truck on blocks, was identified at the Soviet field bakery on Holzstapelplatz, south of the Bernau-Zepernick road on 18 November. (3)
3. Sentries observed at the SS Briefstaubenstation, Rutenfeld, on 11 November, wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty-nine trucks were seen in 29 open garages, and two canvas-covered guns of about 120-mm were seen in the north-eastern corner of the billeting area. The guns were emplaced to about two thirds of their height. (4)

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4. On 13 November, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. About 1,000 troops assembled in the barracks yard on 7 November. On 8 November, about 15 soldiers practiced mine detecting with magnetic pack sets on Schoenower Strasse. Vehicles identified departing from, and returning to the installation

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5. On 19 November, Lieutenant Karyevski (fnu), was identified as the supply officer of a headquarters in Bernau that controlled detachments in Wustermark, Nauen, Paaren, and Eichstaedt, 10 km southwest of Oranienburg.

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